

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Lawrence M. Sherman

Serial No.:

09/780,266

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For:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING ADDITIONAL

INSURANCE

Examiner:

Natalie A. Pass

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ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER § 1.27

Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits that it is a small entity in accordance with § 1.27 with respect to the above-referenced patent application Serial No. 09/780,266. Applicant submits herewith this statement in view of the Issue Fee Transmittal Letter identifying Applicant is not a small entity. During prosecution of the above-referenced application Applicant was a small entity and paid small entity fees. Thus, Applicant submits this assertion of small entity status with its payment of the requisite patent issue under small entity status.

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APPLICANT'S COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 27-35, 37-49, 59 and 77. Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance as set forth in the Notice of Allowability mailed January 31, 2008. Applicant asserts that the claims may contain one or more features mentioned or not mentioned by the Examiner that independently, or when combined, may be sufficient to establish the patentability of one or more of the claims.

Applicant reserves the right to introduce, articulate, or otherwise present any such reasons for allowance as may be appropriate concerning the claims.

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LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSMAN

Sir:

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application are five (5) sheets of Formal Drawings, including Figures 1-5. Applicant respectfully requests the Office enter Figures 1-5 into the record.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at telephone 617/348-4914.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required in connection with this submission of Formal Drawings to the deposit account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, referencing Attorney Docket No. 07473-032.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced application are the following:

- (1) ISSUE FEE TRANSMITTAL LETTER;
- (2) ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER § 1.27;
- (3) APPLICANT'S COMMENTS ON STATEMENT FOR REASONS OF ALLOWANCE;
- (4) LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSMAN;
- (5) FIVE (5) SHEETS FORMAL DRAWINGS Including Figures 1-5; and
- (6) RETURN POST CARD.

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